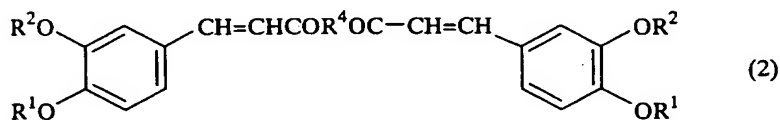
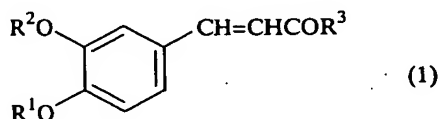


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Provided is a method of treating hypertension, which comprises administering an effective amount of a compound represented by the following formula (1) or (2):



wherein, R^1 and R^2 are the same or different and each independently represents hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, aralkyl, or acyl, R^3 represents hydroxyl, ester bond residue, or amide bond residue, R^4 represents ester bond residue or amide bond residue, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof (except ferulic acid).

When the preventive or remedy for hypertension according to the present invention is administered, ferulic acid exists in the blood for a long period of time, thereby continuously suppressing a blood pressure rise. Moreover, the hypertension preventive or remedy according to the present invention has reduced in bitterness peculiar to ferulic acid, which enables patients to take it continuously.